financial institutions were aware of the various acquisitions made by the Goenkas in relation to tyre and ancillary intermediary companies of Ceat Tyres Ltd. *viz.* Malayalam Harrison; Bayer India Ltd.; Schrader Scovil Duncan; Phillips Carbon Black; National Standard Duncan, etc.

(b) if so, how was this allowed;

(c) whether MRTP authorities cleared these acquisitions; and

(d) what are the details of the role of the financial institutions in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available and permissible under the rules.

Solicitors Retained by LIC

1679. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the solicitors engaged by the LIC for various purposes and the period for which each of them has been on the panel; and

(b) what are the fees paid to these solicitors in the past three years under various accounts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The following solicitors/firms have been engaged by the LIC for various purposes from time to time. The Corporation has paid the following amounts for professional services in connection with the legal matter handled by them during the last three years:—

Place	Name of Solicitors/Firms	Fee paid (Rs.)
Bombay	M/s. Little & Co.	11,56,579.73
	M/s. Mulla & Mulla & Criagie Blunt & Caroe.	1,09,233.10
	M/s. Ardesir Hormus ji Dinshaw & Co.	81,782.20
	M/s. Matubhai Jamietram & Madan.	85,906.10
	M/s. Pyne & Co.	31,965.00
	M/s. Thakurdas & Madgaonkar.	21,400.00
	M/s. Bhaishankar & Kanga.	2,750.00
	M/s. Shah & Sanghavi	71,064.00
	M/s. Ambubhai Diwanji	15,000.00
	M/s. Pandya & Poonawala	874.00
	M/s. Muzumdar & Co	600.00
	M/s. J.B. Dadachanji & Co.	14,300.00
	M/s. Amarchand & Mangaldas & Hiralal Shroff & Co.	5,00,000.00
Calcutta	M/s. Fox & Mondal	62,373.25
	M/s. Pyre & Pyne	99,382.40
	M/s. S. N. Sen & Co.	19,914.10
	M/s. A. Ganguly	25,349.32
New Delhi	M/s. J.B. Dadachanji & Co.	2,74,094.27

Services of Amarchand and Mangaldas and Hiralal Shroff and Company utilised by LIC as their Solicitors in the L & T case

1680. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Life Insurance Corporation of India engaged the services of Amarchand and Mangaldas and Hiralal